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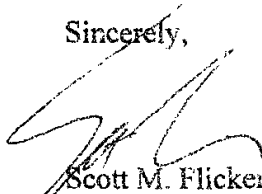
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Re: MUR 4806; Hamilton Bank, N.A.; Eduardo A. Masferrer; Maria F. Diaz

Dear Ms. Kapper:

This letter constitutes a written request by the Respondents in the above-captioned matter to enter into conciliation with the Commission.

Sincerely,



Scott M. Flicker
for PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP

cc: J. Reid Bingham, Esq.
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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

*In the Matter of*HAMILTON BANK N.A.,
EDUARDO A. MASFERRER, and
MARIA F. DIAZ

MUR 4806

**RESPONDENTS' RESPONSES TO THE FEC'S
REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION**

Subject to and without waiving any objections cited in their previous Responses to the Interrogatories of the Federal Election Commission in this matter, Hamilton Bank, N.A. (the "Bank"), Eduardo A. Masferrer and Maria F. Diaz (collectively, "Respondents"), by and through their undersigned attorneys, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, hereby respond to certain requests for clarification raised by staff of the Commission in a meeting with Respondents' counsel on November 19, 1998:

Request for Clarification No. 1:

The formal position of Maria F. Diaz during April 1996.

Response No. 1:

Ms. Diaz assumed the position of Vice-President for Finance on August 23, 1994. She held that position until June 26, 1996, when she was named Senior Vice-President for Finance.

Request for Clarification No. 2:

Under which of the expense categories listed in Response to Interrogatory No. 2 did the subject contribution fall.

Response No. 2:

The subject contribution did not explicitly fall within any of the enumerated expense categories.

Request for Clarification No. 3:

The composition of the Bank's Board of Directors in April 1996.

Response No. 3:

William Alexander
Fausto Diaz-Oliver
Ronald E. Frazier
Ronald A. Lacayo
George N. Lyall
Eduardo A. Masferrer
Edmund M. McCarthy
Lilliam Sanchez Martinez

Request for Clarification No. 4:

Whether the "Jack Stump" referred to in the Ernst & Young facsimile dated December 24, 1996, is "John Stumpff."

Response No. 4:

John F. Stumpff, an employee of Hamilton Bancorp Inc., is likely the individual referred to as "Jack Stump" in the Ernst & Young facsimile of December 24, 1996.

Request for Clarification No. 5:

Whether Mr. Masferrer or any other Bank employee hand-delivered the contribution check to the DNC at the Presidential Gala held on April 29, 1996, in Miami.

Response No. 5:

Mr. Masferrer has a clear recollection that he did not hand-carry a check to the April 29, 1996 event. Respondents believe it is highly unlikely that any other attendee from Hamilton Bank would have done so. Nor do the Bank's records contain paperwork to indicate that the check was hand-delivered to the event or the DNC by a third party (e.g., courier or private overnight mail service) other than the U.S. Postal Service.

Dated: December 18, 1998

Respectfully submitted,
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